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(HUNTER, CARRIE JANE)

SUBJECT: KIDNAPPED AMERICANS

FOR AMBASSADOR

1. DEPT REQUESTS THAT YOU EMPHASIZE TO PARENTS, STUDENTS AND DR. HAMBURG DESIRABILITY OF NOT REPEAT NOT ENGAGING IN FAVORABLE PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN WITH RESPECT PRP. IN ADDITION TO CRIME OF FORCIBLE ABDUCTION, KIDNAPPERS DID NOT LIVE UP TO SEVERAL IMPORTANT PROMISES FOR RELEASE OF STUDENTS. MOREOVER, IF REBELS SUCCEED IN GETTING GOOD PUBLICITY AFTER SUCH A PERFORMANCE, IT CAN ONLY ENCOURAGE THEM TO DO SAME THING AGAIN AND THUS PERHAPS JEOPARDIZE LIVES OF OTHERS.

2. IN DISCUSSING MATTER WITH PARENTS AND STUDENTS, YOU
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SHOULD INFORM THEM THAT ANYTHING THAT THEY DO TO PUSH

PRP'S CAUSE PUBLICLY, OR GIVE APPEARANCE OF DOING SO, WOULD BE BADLY RECEIVED BY GOZ; AND COULD GRAVELY AFFECT US-ZAIRIAN RELATIONS. IN THIS CONNECTION YOU SHOULD REMIND PARENTS AND STUDENTS THAT GOZ INSTRUCTED ITS UNITS IN AREA WHERE STUDENTS DETAINED TO HOLD BACK UNTIL STUDENTS WERE RELEASED. WHILE THERE WAS SOME FIRING AT BEGINNING BEFORE WORD OF STAND FAST FILTERED DOWN TO FIELD UNITS, IN OUR

OPINION ZAIRIAN MILITARY RESTRAINT WAS IMPORTANT FACTOR IN SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME.

3. YOU MAY ALSO AT YOUR DISCRETION, IF YOU THINK SUCH INFORMATION USEFUL, TELL PARENTS AND STUDENTS THAT AS CONSEQUENCE OF HOLD BACK SOME OF ZAIRIAN GOVERNMENT TROOPS WERE KILLED IN PRP ATTACKS DURING THIS PERIOD.

4. EMBASSY WILL RECALL OUR COMMITMENT TO GOZ TO DEBRIEF STUDENTS AND TO PROVIDE RESULTS SUCH DEBRIEFING TO GOZ. THIS COMMITMENT NEED NOT BE MENTIONED TO STUDENTS.

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